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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Advisory Bodies have their own purposes and as a matter of fact they serve much better purpose than bodies which have absolute powers.

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : அந்தக் கவுன்சில் நிறைவேற்றக்கூடிய தீர்மானங்கள் அனேகமாக ஒப்புக்கொள்ளப்பட வேண்டுமென்ற நிலை இருக்கவேண்டும். அவ்வாறு செய்ய முயற்சி இல்லாவிட்டால், பிரதம காரியதரிசியை இந்தச் சங்கடமான நிலைமையில் வைக்காமலிருப்பதற்கு வேறு அதிகாரி யாரையாவது சேர்மனாக நியமிக்கும் யோசனை செய்யப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : பிரதம காரியதரிசி சேர்மனாக இருக்கும் காரணத்தினால் அவரே இருந்து அந்தத் தீர்மானத்தை நிறைவேற்றியிருப்பதால், எந்த அளவு நிறைவேற்ற முடியும் என்ற முறையில் ஆலோசனை செய்ய முடியும். வேறு யாராவது சேர்மனாக இருந்தால், ஒருவேளை பிரதம காரியதரிசி அதைக் கவனிக்காமலே இருந்துவிடக்கூடும்.

*Chancellors*

* 475 *Q.*—M. JAGANNATHAN (on behalf of SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any communication from the University Grants Commission regarding Governors being the Chancellors of Universities; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

*Locust*

* 476 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI :
SRI A. A. RASHEED :
SRI M. P. SARATHI :
} Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to combat the locust and caterpillar menace?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : A paper [a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : May I know whether the Government are aware that the present system of spraying pesticides is ineffective and may I know whether there is any alternative method proposed by Government to control the caterpillar menace?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not say that the present method of applying insecticides and pesticides is ineffective. When a disease is largely prevalent in a large area, there are proposals to have it applied through aircraft. Just two

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 581–582 infra.

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days back I discussed with the authorities concerned a proposal to apply these insecticides to groundnut crop over an area of 10,000 acres in Coimbatore district by aircraft.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : In the reply placed on the table of the House it is stated that due to unwillingness on the part of a number of ryots, measures taken have become ineffective. Will the Government take compulsory steps wherever there is locust menace?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Government have been examining this question.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : If cattle mixture is mixed with kerosene and used that could successfully control this disease. May I know whether suitable instructions would be issued to the concerned officials to use such pesticide to control the disease?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no idea of the technical advice tendered by the hon. Member. If the hon. Member would give me a note on this, I will have it duly examined.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கம்பளி பூச்சி உற்பத்தியாவதற்கு முக்கியமான காரணம் என்ன என்பதை விவசாய இலாகாவினர் கண்டுபிடித்தார்களா? அப்படியானால், அது எந்த எந்தக் காலத்தில் உற்பத்தியாகிறது என்று முன்கூட்டியே விவசாயிகளுக்குத் தெரிவிக்கத் திட்டமிடப்படுமா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : கம்பளி பூச்சி உற்பத்தியாவதன் காரணத்தைக் கண்டுபிடிப்பது அவ்வளவு பெரிதல்ல. அந்தக் காரணத்தைத் தவிர்ப்பதுதான் கஷ்டம். அதுவும் அந்தந்த நிபுணர்களால் கவனிக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Does the Government believe that this kind of crop dusting from aircraft which is being practised in neighbouring States like Bihar and U.P. will be a success in our State where impediments like trees, come in, in intervention of this crop dusting business? Would not such a thing obstruct this crop dusting? Is it not necessary that for this crop dusting we should have vast areas, without trees, as far as possible?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It is not as if large blocks have invariably trees in the midst of them. I have said that crop dusting by aircraft will take place in a large area of 10,000 acres growing groundnut in Coimbatore district. That I hope will be done successfully. That will be a 'demonstration' also.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Since there are already provisions in the Agriculture Department rules that the Agricultural Department itself can undertake this spraying work and collect money from the peasants and since the majority of peasants are reluctant to have these insecticides sprayed, will the Government give suitable instructions that the rules should be implemented?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is at present no provision to have the insecticides supplied in all areas and compulsorily collect levy.

*Hospital (Kovilur)*

* 477 *Q.*—SRI M. P. SARATHI : கனம் ரெவின்யூ அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) திருச்சி மாவட்டம், உடையார்பாளையம் தாலுகா, கோவிலூரில் மருத்துவ நிலையம் கட்ட திட்டமிடப்பட்டுள்ளதா?

(இ) அது எப்போது செயல்படத் துவங்கும்?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (அ) No, Sir.

(இ) Does not arise.

*Mazdoors*

MR. SPEAKER : As the hon. Member who gave notice of question No. 478 is not in his seat the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

* 478 *Q.*—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons employed as Mazdoors in the Government Stationery Stores;

(*b*) the basis on which they are paid : and

(*c*) whether they have derived any benefit from the recommendations of the Madras Pay Commission?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) 123.

(*b*) The Mazdoors in the Government Stationery Stores are borne on the regular establishment. Their scale of pay is Rs. 50–1–60 per mensem with dearness allowance of Rs. 10 and house rent allowance Rs. 10 with effect from 1st June 1960, the date on which the revised scales of pay were given effect to.

(*c*) Yes. The mazdoors derive an increase in emoluments ranging from Rs. 11·50 to Rs. 13 due to the recommendations of the Pay Commission.

MR. SPEAKER : Since the Hon. Minister for Industries has not yet come, we will take up his questions later.

*Palmyrah tappers*

* 481 *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any palmyrah co-operative societies have been formed to solve the problem of the scarcity of fuel for palmyrah tappers;

(*b*) if so, how many; and